



SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM	Sunday Worship
10:15 AM	K-5 Sunday School
11:00 AM	Fellowship and "Food for Thought"

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We Welcome Back, the Rev. Nona Holy!

In November 2021, Session convened the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC) with the objective of discerning the ideal candidate for walking Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church through the transition to our next installed pastor. The IPNC presented our choice to Session on March 19th, 2022, and Session is pleased to announce that the Reverend Winona (Nona) Holy has accepted our offer to serve as LBPC’s Interim Pastor.

Rev. Holy comes to us having just recently served as our Bridge Pastor. As she served in that role, a sense was developing that she was being called to interim and transitional ministry, especially to this congregation. Her energy for continuing as Interim Pastor was evidenced by the ideas she had about what might be helpful and fun for the congregation as we prepare for a new installed pastor, and the hopeful possibilities she felt about LBPC - its members, history, finances, building, staff, and spirit – as we move toward the future, attentive to God’s call upon us.

Rev. Holy has thirty years of ministry experience having served as an Associate Pastor, Christian Educator, Supply Pastor, Presbytery Staff, Bridge Pastor, and Campus Pastor. She brings a love for healthy process and how it opens us to the movement of the Spirit of God; an appreciation for the inclusiveness and connectedness of the Presbyterian tradition; humble gratitude for the privilege of sharing the lives of folks in a congregation; and a hopeful curiosity about what new thing God is going to do with the Church in the years and generations to come.

Pastor Nona Holy shares her life with Andy Jacob, Pastor at Hanover Presbyterian Church in Wilmington; their sons, Christopher and Jonathan; and a beloved 12-year-old pug named Stevie. Chocolate, time in Maine with her family, a puzzle or good novel or children’s book, are among the things that make her happy. And resting on the waters of her baptism is what gives her peace.

Rev. Holy begins her time with us as Interim Pastor on April 1st. It is expected that LBPC’s interim time will be about eighteen months as we prepare for and search for a new installed pastor.

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MARCH 20, 2022

Please continue to share your joys and concerns with us so that we may continue to support each other in specific prayer requests.

Joys and concerns may be submitted to the office via email or by phone. We check messages regularly.

Please let us know of answers to prayer – so that we can give thanks to God!

We give thanks for the worship leadership of the Rev. Anne Ledbetter. Thank you!

We continue to lift up the people of the Ukraine and all who are affected by the war with Russia. Donations for the support of Ukraine can be made through [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#).

We offer a special prayer for Tom Craven who was recently hospitalized with heart complications. We are happy to report that Tom is now resting at home.

We continue to pray for those who among our church family who are recovering from illness or surgery including:

- Ed Messikomer
- Dave Robertson
- Dr. Herb Oettgen
- Keeley Lannon



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Budgeted Giving:	\$233,441
2022 YTD Giving:	\$ 58,129

WORSHIP LINKS

March 20, 2022

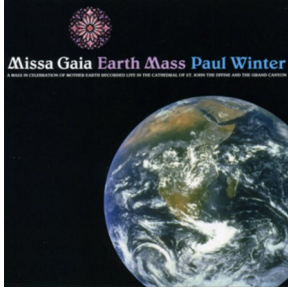
◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



The 15th annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert will take place on **THIS SATURDAY**, March 26, at 2:00 PM in the auditorium of Kennett High School in Kennett Square. The featured work this year is Paul Winter's *Missa Gaia (Earth Mass)* for choir and a nine piece jazz ensemble. The Wilmington Handbell Ensemble under the direction of Kerry Dietz will also perform. This concert will benefit Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Neuro-Oncology. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, but gifts of all amounts are appreciated. More information can be found on the website jonathanbeechmemorialconcert.org, where you can also make a donation on-line if you prefer.



To make an Easter Flower dedication, please fill out this form and return it to the church office along with a check for \$18.00 per plant. Make checks payable to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and mark your check, "*for Easter Flowers.*" You may return your dedication by dropping it in the offering plate, putting it in Becky's box, emailing it to lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org, or by mailing it to the church office. (101 Old Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807)

- In loving memory of _____
- To the Glory of God

Dedications must be received by Monday, April 11th.

Name

Phone Number

*You may pick up your flowers after the Easter service.

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LENTEN SEASON AT LOWER BRANDYWINE

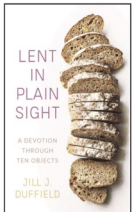
40 DAYS OF SPIRITUAL PREPARATION OBSERVING LENT FROM ASH WEDNESDAY TO HOLY THURSDAY

LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT

LBPC Social Hall - 6:30pm

Thursdays: March 10, March 17,
March 24, March 31, April 7

Starting March 10 join us to discuss
Jill Duffield's devotional "Lent in Plain
Sight" while enjoying a light dinner.



These welcoming, lightly moderated sessions are one of the ways you can observe the Lenten Season with LBPC. Books available in the church office.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

LBPC Social Hall - After the 10:00am Service

Sundays: March 6, March 13,
March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10

During Lent, be sure to join us in the Social Hall after our Service of Worship for an extended time of fellowship. There you will find some fun and thought-provoking 'Food for Thought' conversational prompts on the tables, as well as some crafts or hands-on activities for the children that further explore our "Lent in Plain Sight" theme.

A Series of Events Celebrating Lent at Lower Brandywine

Lent In Plain Sight

Sundays and Thursdays during Lent

All Are Invited and Welcome to Join Us

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church

101 Old Kennett Rd., Wilmington, DE 19807 (Route 52 at Old Kennett Road, across from Winterthur)
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EASTER WEEK AT LOWER BRANDYWINE

HOLY WEEK SERVICES APRIL 10 THROUGH APRIL 17

Palm Sunday - April 10

10:00am - Traditional Worship Service with palm branches. [Sanctuary]
Lesson and crafts for the children. [Classrooms]

Maundy Thursday - April 14

6:00pm - Our Youth Group, LIFT, will be baking bread, which will be provided for those attending the Maundy Thursday events. [Social Hall]
7:00pm - Dinner, followed by readings and communion. [Social Hall]

Good Friday - April 15

7:00pm - Taizé Service of music and meditation. [Sanctuary]

Easter Sunday - April 17

8:30am - Join us for join an Easter Potluck Breakfast. [Social Hall]
The Fellowship Committee is organizing a Potluck Provision Sign-Up.
10:00am - Traditional Easter Service of Worship [Sanctuary]
Afternoon - Easter egg hunt, table games, and crafts. [Inside/Outside]



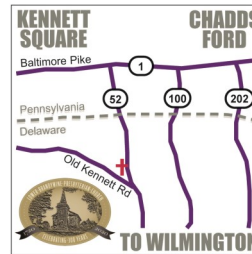
A BEACON IN THE BRANDYWINE VALLEY FOR OVER 300 YEARS

WHERE



Photo by Hank Davis

HOW TO GET THERE



COMMEMORATION



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Interested in participating in the Lent in Plain Sight dinners? Please click [HERE](#) to sign up!

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

UrbanPromise Wilmington
Spring into Auction
Thursday, April 7, 2022



*Join UrbanPromise Wilmington
for the Silent Auction!*

Thursday, April 7, 2022
The Carriage House at Rockwood Park
4671 Washington Street Ext.
Wilmington, DE 19809
(enter off of Washington St. Ext.)

5:30pm In person Registration
8pm Auction ends

Advance Tickets: \$25 (deadline: April 1)
Tickets at door: \$30

Hearty Hors D'oeuvres will be served!

Register online at urbanpromise.org



NEW: Virtual bidding will be available
to registered guests starting at 9am

MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK DINNER & COMMUNION

APRIL 14, 2022
7:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SIGN-UP ON-LINE THROUGH SIGN-UP GENIOUS

OR

LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

EASTER BRUNCH POTLUCK

APRIL 17, 2022

8:30 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Look for the sign-up sheet in the
Social Hall.

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

in a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is received on Easter Sunday, April 17th. If your family would like to “fill a fish” as part of your OGHS offering, please contact Becky in the church office at lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org or 302-658-2326 to request a bank.



CALENDAR

MARCH 21ST—APRIL 3RD

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
03/21/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
03/23/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
03/24/2022	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Lent in Plain Sight
03/26/2022	2:00 PM	Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert @ KHS
03/27/2022		Fourth Sunday in Lent
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study (Zoom)
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and 'Food for Thought'
03/27/2022	11:30 AM	Handbells
03/28/2022	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
03/30/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
03/31/2022	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Lent in Plain Sight
04/03/2022		Fifth Sunday in Lent
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study (Zoom)
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and 'Food for Thought'
	11:30 AM	Handbells

March 2022 Readings

First Sunday in Lent—March 6

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

Romans 10:8b–13

Luke 4:1–13 Second

Sunday in Lent—March 13

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Luke 13:31–35 or Luke 9:28–36

Third Sunday in Lent—March 20

Isaiah 55:1–9

Psalm 63:1–8

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Luke 13:1–9

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 27

Joshua 5:9–12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–3

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 03/03 Mary Kennedy
 03/12 Brenda Boucher
 03/13 Thomas Craven
 03/17 Joshua Boucher
 03/18 Madelyn Underwood
 03/22 Tylor Walther
 03/23 Stephen Salle
 03/24 Cooper Coats
 03/25 Mauricette Benzing
 03/26 Emily Underwood
 03/26 Bruce Webber
 03/27 Roman Garvey
 03/27 Enzo Natali
 03/29 Joyce Murphy
 03/30 Donna Beech

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 03/01 Brian and Dot Kent
 03/20 Dan and Carla Major

Anne Ledbetter has been a member of New Castle Presbytery since 1994 when she moved here from Texas to serve as Associate Pastor of Westminster Church in Wilmington. During her nineteen years there, Anne earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, where she focused on Spirituality and Older Adults. For the past eight years Anne has served as a full-time Chaplain at Heron Point Retirement Community in Chestertown, Maryland. Anne lives in Middletown with her three year old rescue dog Wesley, and has three grown children who live in Michigan, New York City, and South Carolina. For spiritual nurture Anne practices yoga, takes long walks, reads mainly fiction and memoirs, and travels to see friends and family, and to explore new places. Church on Main is her home congregation where she usually worships on Sunday mornings.

Hearing devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

THE SESSION

Moderator: Rita Anderson
Worship Director: Rita Anderson
Reader: Read Coats
Prayer Leader: Read Coats
Usher: Read Coats

Chair: Read Coats

CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair: Read Coats
Members: Sara Borer, Patricia Dewey, Pricil Lannon, Sean Kennedy

STRUCTURE LEADERSHIP

Mission and Ministry: Read Coats
Worship: Rita Anderson
Usher: Read Coats
Prayer: Read Coats
Finance and Administration: Read Coats
Christian Education: Read Coats

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

President: Read Coats
Vice President: Eliza Niles
Secretary: Sara Borer
Treasurer: John Drexler

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

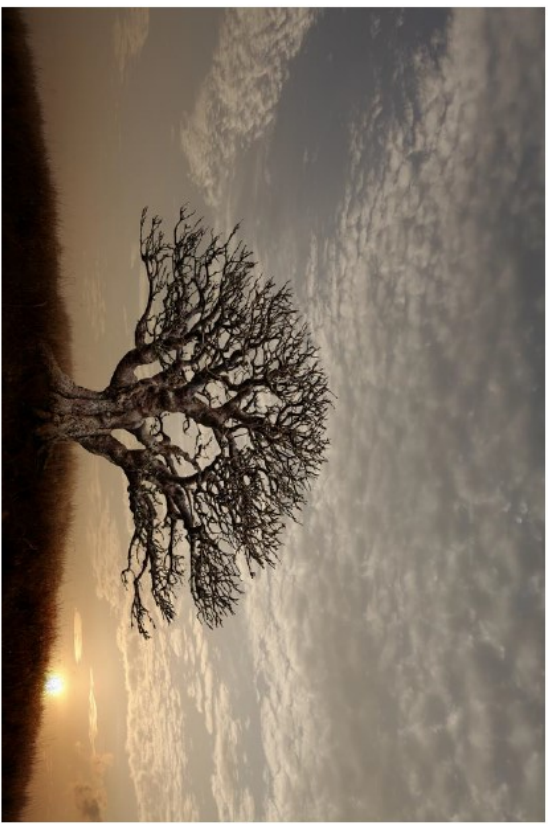
Children's Education: Read Coats
Sunday School Teacher (K-5): Read Coats
Adult Bible Class: Read Coats
Adult Spiritual Study: Read Coats
Bible Study: Read Coats



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Donna Beach, Music Director
Candace Smith, Christian Ed Program Manager

March 20, 2022
 Third Sunday in Lent



March 20, 2022

10:00 AM

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

WE APPROACH GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Choral Introit

* Call to Worship (*Please stand and join responsively*)

One: God of light and God of night,
Creator of seed and mountain, raindrop and fountain,

All: We bring our offering of praise.

One: God of right and God of might,
Lover of child and childless, rich and homeless,

All: We bring our offering of praise.

* Hymn No. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

Prayer of Confession (The congregation uniting)

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving, reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, our hands to share. May our feet touch lightly on the path we tread, and our footsteps be worthy of following as they lead to you. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon (Please join responsively)

One: Friends, hear the good news. Or better yet, say it with me:

All: We are loved. We are claimed. We are under God's wing. We are worthy of grace. We belong to God.

One: In Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Choral Response

O Lord, We Trust Alone in Thee

G. F. Handel

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalms 63:1-8
Luke 13:1-9

One: Holy Wisdom. **All: Holy Word**

O.T. pg. 490
N.T. pg. 66

Anthem

Parable Time

Sermon

We Are One at Calvary

The Parable of the Fig Tree

The Rev. Anne Ledbetter

P. Liebergen

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn No. 703

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (*Forgive us our sins...*)

St. Catherine

Ritual of Friendship

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

* Doxology No. 606

Praise God, from
Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn No. 307 (v. 1, 2, 4)

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

* Charge and Benediction

Choral Dismissal

Old Irish Blessing

D. Agay

Postlude

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Participants in Today's Service:

The Rev. Anne Ledbetter, Guest Pastor

Patricia Dewey, Liturgist

Donna Beech, Pianist/Organist

The flowers on the retable are dedicated to the Glory of God.

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